

Franklin County Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2000
Royston, Georgia

Present: Wayne Miller, Paul Creason, Jeff Eschedor, Logan Mathin, Priscilla Gothard
Kathryn Ames, Tammy Gerson.

The meeting began with discussion of departing and incoming board members. Priscilla Gothard is replacing Ruth Williams from the city of Lavonia. Louise Wilcox's term is up and cannot serve another term, so she is searching for a replacement.

Mr. Miller remarked at the low circulation figures for Lavonia and the Bookmobile during the past year. Several factors may attribute to these figures, such as the closure of the Daycare Center across the street and lack of programming. New strategies are needed to increase the circulation figures. It was also noted that Lavonia's children's books are outdated.

The budget for FY01 was presented. There was a short discussion about the various contributions to the budget and the refusals for increases. Determining that the E-rate would continue to cause a surplus and that the Fund Equity amount is adequate (see separate sheet), Wayne Miller made the following motion:

That the budget be voted on as presented: that the surplus money from the E-rate and the Fund Equity money be used in anticipation of the approval of PINES by the Regional Board.

The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Other items discussed:

The necessary minimum wage increase in October for the Branch Assistants. Managers' salary increases will be discussed at the October meeting.

Kathryn Ames presented a regional budget for materials, asking approval for the 60%-40% ratio for the branches. This was approved by the Board for presentation at the Regional Board.

The Gate's Grant computers should be installed by the end of August or first of September. An electrician is needed to pull wires. A firm decision is needed for placement of the hardware. Rosie, Priscilla, and Tammy will meet to discuss the final plan. It was suggested that one be placed in Children's and the other three together. Rita, Emma, and Tammy will meet in Lavonia. Each manager should have an older computer placed in her office.

The issue of the parking lot across from the Lavonia library was discussed. Someone will speak with the new School Superintendent about the ongoing concern over the purchase of the land.

The consensus was to send to Priscilla to the Regional Board meeting as a representative.

The meeting was adjourned.